

Week 2: Peter Heals a Beggar Who Can't Walk

When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Acts 3:9-10

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Acts 3:1-11

When you hear the word “miracle,” what do you typically think of? Maybe it is one of Jesus’ earliest and most powerful miracles like turning water to wine or raising Lazarus from the dead. It is easy to think back on Jesus’ time on Earth and think of those miracles as simply something amazing that happened long ago in a story we have heard. But that is not the full truth. Miracles are not just a thing of the past. God is still working miracles each and every day in our lives and the lives of those around us!

The Holy Spirit is one of the primary ways God allows us to work miracles on his behalf. We read about this in the story of Peter, one of Jesus’ first followers and closest friends. Peter had a long list of shortcomings, like we all do, and was far from perfect. Even still, the Holy Spirit was given to him as a believer and, because of that, he was able to heal a man previously unable to walk by just speaking the name of the Lord. When Peter healed the crippled man, the Holy Spirit worked through him and, as followers of Christ, the Holy Spirit can do miracles through us, too.

Miracles may not always look like what we have read about in the Bible. It is not likely you will be raising people from the dead or giving a blind man sight. However, miracles today are just as special because they display the power of God and give Him glory in the same way. The Holy Spirit is still at work in and around us, doing small but mighty miracles through us each day like helping our families during hard times, restoring broken relationships, or allowing us to share the Gospel with a friend and invite them into God’s family.

We have been given one of the most valuable gifts because of our salvation and that is the power of the Holy Spirit who allows us to display the glory of God each day in both big and small ways.

Questions to think about:

1. What are some small things you can look back on and recognize as miracles?
2. Is there someone in your life who needs a miracle right now? How can you help meet that need or show them Jesus, allowing him to do a miracle through you?
3. Are you the one who needs a miracle? Who is someone who you can reach out to and ask to join you in prayer for a miracle?